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The DDR is in an extremely difficult situation with regard to its economic plans. It has become apparent that, in spite of the months spent in working on them, the plans for reparations, export, investments, and production have not yet been balanced out and do not represent the existing situation. One reason for this is that the Soviet Union is trying to obtain for itself an overly large share of the DDR's exports without regard for the fact that the DDR is not in a position to finance its imports from western Germany. The German trade delegation which, along with delegations from other eastern block countries, has been carrying on negotiations in Moscow for the past four weeks, is composed of men whose capabilities and bargaining astuteness are far below those of their Russian opposites, and this is a further handicap.

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